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Lighting-up time for cycles, 4.6 p.m.

## SEA PASSAGES.

English Channel, moderate or rather rough; North Sea and Irish Channel, smooth to moderate.

350th Day of Year.

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1903.

15 days to Dec. 31.

# The Daily Mirror.

## To-Day's News at a Glance.

## Home.

Dr. Rutherford Harris (Chamberlainite) has been returned for Dulwich, and Major Coates (Chamberlainite) for Lewisham.

The Postmaster-General announces that after January 1 persons offering postage stamps to be repurchased by the Post Office will be required to fill up a form giving their name, address, and occupation. Payment will be made by an order, which will be sent by post to the vendor. Five per cent commission will be charged.

The Bishops of London and Rochester have addressed a circular to churchmen asking them to support such County Council candidates as will not make the Education Act a vehicle for "sectarian strife."

The remains of Lord Stanley of Alderley were interred quietly with Mohammedan rites at Alderley Park, Cheshire, yesterday.

The sentence of death passed on Samuel Redfern, a farm servant, for the murder of a girl at Normanton, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

Mr. Horne, Liberal, and Mr. Hunt, Unionist, were nominated as the Ludlow candidates yesterday.

Oxford defeated Cambridge in the University Rugby football match yesterday by three goals and one try to two goals and one try.

Mr. Edmund Turner, of Pantton Hall, formerly a Member of Parliament, died suddenly while shooting at Hatton, near Horn-castle, yesterday.

The London County Council has approved of the proposed Thames Steamboat Bill which is to come before Parliament next session.

A second impression of Shakespeare's Plays, with the rare Richard Hawkins's title page, sold for £215 at Sotheby's sale rooms yesterday.

A libel action has been commenced against the "Ceylon Observer," which involves the extraordinary life-story of an ex-civil servant in Ceylon who became a Mohammedan and married a Mohammedan wife.—See page 5.

Shortly after prophesying that 1904 would be a terrible year a Welsh child dropped dead.—See page 5.

The principle of intra-Imperial tariffs has been approved by a large majority of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in London.

No trace has as yet been found of Miss Dyrhurst, who disappeared from Dulwich a few days ago.—See page 4.

Six per cent. of Trade Union members are unemployed, according to a memorandum issued by the Labour Department of the Board of Trade.

## Foreign.

The German Reichstag yesterday passed the third reading of the provisional commercial agreement with Great Britain.

The boy King of Spain will pay a visit to the different European capitals in the course of next year, and will be received by the majority of the Sovereigns and chiefs of States.

Mr. Adolphus Drucker, ex-M.P., who died in New York recently, is said by the "New York World" to have been drugged, robbed, and murdered in the hospital to which he was conveyed.—See page 4.

The Italian Consul at New Orleans has been recalled because (Laffan says) of his refusal to attend a dinner given in honour of the Duke of the Abruzzi on October 10.

## To-Day's Arrangements.

## To-Day's Weddings.

Sir Percy Cunyngame, Bart., of Milnraig, co. Ayr, and Miss Maud Albina Selwyn-Payne, daughter of Major Selwyn-Payne, J.P., Gloucester and Somerset, of Badgeworth Court, Gloucestershire, at Gloucester Cathedral, at 2.30.

Lieutenant Leslie Hammond, R.N., of H.M.S. Cambridge, and Miss Edythe Adelaide White, daughter of Lieut.-Colonel George Roit White, R.C.A., St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.

Mr. Fulke J. Walwyn, D.S.O., Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and Miss Nora Lockhart Greenhields, eldest daughter of Mr. R. L. Greenhields, Malpas, Cheshire, at Malpas Church, Cheshire.

## General.

Mr. Chamberlain at Leeds.

Mr. Asquith at Ipswich.

Society of Arts: Sir William H. Preece on "Science and Industry," 8.

London Philanthropic Society: Annual Meeting at the Mansion House.

"Truth" Doll and Toy Show, Albert Hall (two days), 10.30 to 9.

Mr. William Redmond, M.P., opens a bazaar at Gate-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, at 7.30 p.m.

The Bishop of London distributes prizes at Lady Holles's School for Girls at Hackney, 8 p.m.

King Christian IX. of Denmark arrives in Berlin to-day on the Kaiser's invitation, and will reside in the Royal Castle.

The statement that Japanese of military age in London have been ordered to return home is regarded as highly improbable at the Japanese Embassy.

Interest on the money set apart every year as compensation to the Pope for his loss of revenue is about to be devoted by the Italian Government, it is rumoured, to the relief of the poorer clergy.

Reuter reports that Captain W. T. Porter, of the British steamer Indrawadi, has disappeared at New York, and that the vessel has sailed for the East without him.

## Colonial.

There was a rather unseemly demonstration by the crowd at the Sydney test match yesterday when displeased at a decision of the Melbourne umpire against Australia. The scores were: England, 577; Australia, 367.

The Princess Henry of Battenberg, Prince Leopold, and Princess Henry of Saxe-Coburg arrived at Gibraltar on the Moldavia yesterday, and were driven through the town. The voyage to Egypt was continued last night.

A resolution condemning imported coloured labour has been passed at a large mass meeting at Johannesburg.

A detachment of Cape Police have fired on some Hottentot rebels who drove a contingent of Germans from their own territory into Cape Colony.

## Law and Police Courts.

Major Studdert, one of the co-respondents in the Bisham divorce case, made an amusing speech to the jury in his own defence yesterday.—See page 5.

Aubrey Newton, an ex-convict, was yesterday sentenced to seven years' penal servitude at the Old Bailey for bigamy.—See page 5.

Mario Capacci, an Italian, who openly declared himself to be an Anarchist, was sentenced at the Old Bailey yesterday to five years' penal servitude for being in possession of coining implements.

Three months in prison for neglecting her children did not seem to have been a lesson to a woman who appeared again charged with the same offence at West Ham Police Court yesterday. She was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

### Court Circular.

Buckingham Palace, Tuesday, Dec. 15.

His Majesty the King left the Palace this morning to shoot over the coverts in Windsor Forest.

His Majesty was joined in Windsor Forest by His Royal Highness Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.

The Hon. Sir Schomberg McDonnell (Secretary His Majesty's Office of Works) had the honour of being invited.

The King returned to the Palace in the afternoon.

Her Majesty the Queen arrived at the Palace this afternoon from Sandringham.

## Theatres.

Adelphi, "The Earl and the Girl," 8. Comedy, "The Girl from Kay's," 8. "Criterion," "Billy's Little Love Affair," 3 and 9. Daly's, "A Country Girl," 8. Duke of York's, "Letty," 8. Gaiety, "The Orchid," 8. Garrick, "The Cricket on the Hearth," 2.30 and 8.15.

"Haymarket," "Cousin Kate," 2.30 and 9. His Majesty's, "King Richard II.," 8.15. "Imperial," "Monsieur Beaucaire," 2.30 and 8.30. "Lyric," "The Duchess of Dantzic," 2 and 8. "New Theatre," "Mrs. Goring's Necktie," 3 and 8.15.

"Prince of Wales's," "The School Girl," 2 and 8. Royalty, "Der Herrgottschneider von Ammergau," 8.15. "Shaftesbury," "In Dahomey," 2.15 and 8.15. "St. James's," "The Professor's Love Story," 2.30 and 8.30.

"Strand," "A Chinese Honeymoon," 2.15 and 8. "Terry's," "My Lady Molly," 2.15 and 8.15. "Wyndham's," "Little Mary," 3 and 9. Alhambra, "Carmen," doors open 7.45.

Empire, "Vineland," doors open 7.45. "Hippodrome," "Consul" and Varieties, 2 and 8. Palace, New Bioscope Pictures, 8.

\* Matinées are on the day of performance indicated by an asterisk.

## ELECTORS' VERDICT.

### Dulwich and Lewisham for Fiscal Reform.

### LARGE MAJORITIES.

### Mr. Chamberlain Expresses Himself Delighted.

Polling took place yesterday in the two London constituencies — Dulwich and Lewisham—and the results were announced last night. The victory of Major Coates (the Chamberlainite) in Lewisham was the first made known; and it was followed soon afterwards by the announcement that in Dulwich also the Chamberlainite candidate had been successful.

## LEWISHAM RESULT.

MAJOR COATES (U. and Tariff Reform) ... 7709  
Mr. J. W. CLELAND (Liberal Free Trader) 5697  
Chamberlainite majority..... 2012

The Conservative majorities at the last two elections were:—

1891.		1892.	
Penn (C) .....	4,585	Penn (C) .....	5,309
Warrington (L) .....	2,892	Harvey (L) .....	2,895
Conservative maj. ..	1,693	Conservative maj. ..	2,414
(There were no contests in 1895 and 1900.)			

## DULWICH RESULT.

Dr. HARRIS (Tariff Reform League) ..... 5819  
Mr. MASTERMAN (Liberal Free Trader)..... 4382  
Chamberlainite majority..... 1437

The Conservative majorities at the last two elections were:—

1892.		1895.	
Maple (C) .....	5,318	Maple (C) .....	5,318
Clayden (L) .....	3,138	Clarke (L) .....	2,176
Conservative maj. ..	2,180	Conservative maj. ..	3,042

## Mr. Chamberlain and the Results.

The results of the elections were telegraphed to Highbury, and the message received in reply was: "Mr. Chamberlain is delighted with the results."

## Scenes at the Polling.

In both constituencies voters were early astir, many City men recording their votes before proceeding to their places of business. During the day there was a lull, broken only by the workmen, who besieged the polling-booths during their breakfast and luncheon intervals. At 5 p.m. the polling began in earnest, motor-cars meeting every train from town and conveying the free and enlightened electors post haste to the stations.

During the day all four candidates several times expressed themselves as confident of victory. They toured their constituencies in all manner of vehicles, varying from the buzzing motor to the lordly four-in-hand.

At Dulwich, the more fiercely contested of the two constituencies, an orator speaking from a van was pelted with mud, fruit, paper pellets, and the remains of a defunct cat. His Majesty King Edward VII. was again dragged into the business by a youth who bore a banner with the strange device: "The King repudiates tariff reform: Read to-day's papers." This, naturally enough, was followed by a genuine repudiation from Lord Knollys, his Majesty's Secretary.

In both Dulwich and Lewisham the Premier's best motor-car was to be seen parading the inscription, "Mr. Balfour's car brings his best wishes for the Conservative candidate." It was not used for the conveyance of voters, however.

At the Lewisham stations the voters were met with the reminiscent inquiry, "Good morning, have you voted for Coates?"

Mr. Cleland expressed his hopes in the optimistic legend, "Our turn now. Vote the muddlers out!"

Miss Coates worked energetically for her father.

## The New Members.

Dr. Frederic Rutherford Harris is the well-known South African financier and surgeon. He was elected M.P. for Monmouth district in 1900 and unseated on petition.

Major Coates belongs to a Yorkshire family, and is a stockbroker by business. His title comes from service in the West York Militia.

### SILK—BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A lecture of especial moment to the fairer portion of humanity was delivered last night at the Society of Arts by Mr. Frank Warner, a member of the firm which had the honour of weaving much of the cloth of gold and

purple worn by their Majesties at the Coronation.

Mr. Warner's subject was the "British Silk Industry," whose present decay he attributed to the excessive adulteration of foreign silk, which, although often containing from fifty to sixty-five per cent. of metal, was sold as pure silk at prices with which the thoroughly reliable productions of the best English looms could not compete.

Then followed a simple test, eagerly watched by the ladies of Mr. Warner's audience. The adulterated silk refused to burn when submitted to the flame of a lighted candle; the pure silk shrivelled up at once. Mr. Warner again won approval when he spoke of blouses that fell into rags and tatters after a few days' wear, and he suggested as a remedy for this evil state of affairs that the proportion of metal adulterants to a pound of silk should be restricted by law.

### TERRIFIED PASSENGERS.

#### Panic Among Emigrants Locked in the Umbria's Hold.

The Umbria reached New York yesterday two days late after a stormy passage, during which, our correspondent cables, a panic occurred among the steerage passengers, whom it had been found necessary to lock in the hold owing to the severity of the gale.

In the greatest consternation they begged to be allowed on deck, and their groans and cries of distress made the anxiety of the saloon passengers all the worse.

But the fears of the emigrants in the hold were, after a while, allayed in a marvellous manner by the action of an aged, white-haired German minister, who came to them, and standing on a box and stretching out his long arms over the frightened throng, prayed long and earnestly.

The wailing women and shouting men became calm under the influence of his impassioned invocation, and by the time he had finished there was audible only the low sobbing of a few peasant women and the fretful wailing of children. The panic occurred on Wednesday night, and was the climax of one of the roughest storms the Umbria has ever experienced.

One of the passengers was Ben Viljoen, who is to reproduce notable battles of the Boer war at the St. Louis Exposition.

The Hamburg-American liner Blucher, bound for New York, arrived at Cherbourg yesterday twenty-four hours late. She reports having collided in the North Sea with a steamship, supposed to be English, with the result that her bows were damaged.

The other vessel disappeared into the night and was not again seen.

### MANIFESTO FROM TWO BISHOPS.

The coming County Council elections in London were last night fixed for March 5. In view of the Educational Authorities that will be appointed by that body, the Bishops of London and Rochester, taking their cue from the Archbishop of Canterbury's letter, which we quoted yesterday, have issued a circular setting forth the course of action that they deem should be pursued by the Church members of the electorate.

Their advice, in brief, is a plea for Churchmen to work hand in hand with all reasonable Nonconformists; to aim at securing and supporting such candidates as will not make the new Education Act a vehicle for sectarian strife and bickerings. The Act, they say, is an educational measure, "working into one scheme the different forms and grades of education from the base upwards to the university." Their desire is that this great measure shall not be hampered by religious or sectarian controversy.

### THE GERMAN ARMY.

The Kaiser has issued an order commanding all captains of the army corps of the Guards to make periodical inspections of the persons of the men under their command and to report to headquarters should they detect any signs of physical violence.

### "NO DIFFERENCE."

Mr. Bonar Law, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, speaking in Glasgow last night, said there was no difference between the programme of Mr. Balfour and the proposals of Mr. Chamberlain. Preferential agreement with the Colonies would be the greatest and best treaty ever made.

### THE CHILDREN'S CRY FOR BREAD.

Mr. Plowden, the Marylebone magistrate, pointed out to a young woman, who had tried to drown herself because her six children were crying for food, that by taking her life she would deprive her children of her help, and would leave them worse off than ever. To live for their sakes was better than dying for her own.



## REMARKABLE SPEECH.

## Major Studdert's Eloquence in Divorce Court.

One of the most eloquent speeches ever delivered in the Divorce Court was made yesterday by a layman.

It was Major Studdert, one of the co-respondents in the Bisham divorce suit. Addressing the jury on his own behalf, he showed a command of language and a skill in marshalling his points that a King's counsel might have envied.

Major Studdert is a tall, thin man, whose face shows the ravages of consumption. His voice is feeble, but distinct—and throughout a speech lasting a full hour he was audible everywhere in the crowded court. Wit, lucidity, pathos, picturesqueness of expression, all combined to make the Major's effort a most remarkable one, and showed that if he had been bred an advocate he would have risen to the highest rank in the profession.

"I will admit they have drawn up a most formidable indictment," he began, and then he forcibly attacked the evidence against him.

"You know how an unsuccessful gambler on the racecourse will, as a last resource, take a race-card, shut his eyes, and by haphazard prick the name of a horse to back. In the same way this gambler of his wife and family (Mr. Bisham) seems to have taken the calendar for 1898, and shutting his eyes marked certain dates on which to make charges."

## A Romeo in Pyjamas.

Then came a Shakespearean touch.

"My learned friend (Mr. Bagnave Deane) has even introduced the romance of a balcony in regard to the visit to Mrs. Bisham at the lodge in Gloucestershire, making me a sort of 'Romeo in pyjamas.' Of that matter no evidence at all has been given."

"I have spent sleepless nights," said the Major, "trying to remember where I was and what I was doing on the dates of these charges."

Then he dealt with the incident of a diamond ring he had given to Mrs. Bisham.

"A friend of mine advised me to get that ring back. He said, 'What will a jury think if you do not?' But—and here the Major's voice rose with excitement—"I was not going to rush off to demand that ring. I will never demand that ring. Mrs. Bisham can keep that ring if she chooses as a mark of my confidence in her innocence. By Heavens! she shall keep it, and my learned friend can put what construction he likes upon it."

Then came a touch of scorn: "Would you hang a dog on such evidence? Would you convict even a rabbit of immorality on such evidence?"

## Chops and Tomato Sauce.

The force of ridicule was next summoned to the Major's defence. In a tone of light persiflage, he referred to the point made against him that Mrs. Bisham had arranged some flowers in his Sloane-street rooms.

"You have not been told even what those flowers were. Were they luscious roses, breathing passion and devotion? Were they pansies, with the eternal message of remembrance? Or were they harmless forget-me-nots?"

Mr. Deane would, no doubt, make those poor withered flowers revive and nod their heads at him—just as in the mouth of Sergeant Bufuz the harmless "chops and tomato sauce" became of most damning interest.

This happy use of Pickwick aroused the more amusement when the caustic Major referred to Mr. Deane as "no less eloquent than Sergeant Bufuz." "I tremble," he said, "at the flowers of Mr. Deane's speech, especially since he has a more romantic subject than chops and tomato sauce."

Then followed a pathetic little sketch of Mrs. Bisham's sufferings, and the Major sat down with "That, gentlemen, is my case."

When the applause had been silenced, the professional K.C.'s followed, but their speeches were in contrast.

The case was again adjourned.

## THE REAL "NEW JERUSALEM."

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

New York, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Sect, has dissuaded Mr. Henry Toler, a wealthy New York broker, from attempting to found a "New Jerusalem" for Hebrews in the Harlem section of the city.

Mr. Toler has spent many thousands of pounds in what he thinks is fulfilling Biblical prophecy. Mrs. Eddy informed him that the New Jerusalem is not in Harlem, but in contentment of personal conscience.

Mr. Toler's collapsed New Jerusalem project was linked with his efforts to recover the Harlem property, worth 600 million pounds, for the 17,000 heirs of the twenty-six original owners.

## NEW HIPPODROME SENSATION.

Mr. Dan Leno, wearing his celebrated royal scarf-pin, was an interested spectator at yesterday's private view of the fifteen plunging elephants who are to be the next sensation at the Hippodrome. The elephants will come all of a heap, running, sliding, rolling, down an incline rising forty feet above the miniature lake in which they are to plunge.

Fifty tons of elephant will make the descent, and, talking of tons, "How much have you gained, Mr. Leno?" asked a bystander at yesterday's function.

"Seventeen pounds avoirdupois," answered the jester; "and, as for how much I lost during my illness, I guess I shall find out when I start playing."

## PROTECTION IN TRAINS.

## Petition to Parliament for Corridor Carriages.

Miss Goss's adventure has again raised the question of how best to protect women travelling alone by rail. A petition to Parliament is being drafted advocating the compulsory adoption of corridor carriages. It is suggested that the footboard should be raised as soon as a train leaves the station, so that intending boarders may find no foothold. Another suggestion is that the footboard should be widened so that the guard may promenade it and keep an eye on the various compartments.

One lady advises her sisters to carry a revolver in their muff; another suggests that a lowered blind would make the aggressor hesitate; all are united in advocating the "cat" as a punishment for the cowardly ruffians who attack defenceless passengers.

The communication cord is voted a fraud, as engine drivers frankly admit that the question of pulling up or not pulling up is left entirely to their discretion, the crowded state of some of the lines demanding that it should be so.

## ADOPTED GIRL'S FLIGHT.

## The Strange Circumstances of Miss Dryhurst's Disappearance.

There can be little doubt that some person, so far unknown, assisted the flight of Miss Maud Dryhurst, the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dawes, of Woodward-road, Dulwich Park, who left her home about seven o'clock on the morning of December 3, and has not been heard of since.

Although none of the girl's clothes were packed on the night before she went, it was discovered next day that every article of her wearing apparel worth taking had been removed from her room.

On further investigation it was found that two large cardboard boxes, bearing the name of "Newman, tailor, Brixton-road," were missing. Mr. and Mrs. Dawes are of opinion that during the night the girl packed her things in these boxes, quietly took them down into the hall, and slipped out into the street with them.

As far as Mr. Dawes is aware, the girl had no money whatever when she left home. She has never been out to business, and never once expressed a wish to go.

A *Daily Mirror* representative has been told at a stationer's shop in Lordship-lane, Dulwich, that three letters were handed to a lady answering to Miss Dryhurst's description last week. They were addressed, however, to a Miss "Iris," and bore a West End postmark.

Miss Dryhurst is a girl of prepossessing appearance, with a fair complexion, and with hair inclined to curl, which she was hanging loosely down her back. It is impossible to say how she may be dressed, as she took such a variety of clothing away with her.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S EAST END REMEDY.

Mr. Chamberlain, acknowledging a resolution passed in favour of his fiscal policy at a Shoreditch meeting, writes:—

"The East End of London has suffered as much as, and perhaps more, than any other district by the dumping both of men and of goods. The remedy is in the hands of the working class, and I hope they will not hesitate to take it."

## WELCOME TO LORD MILNER.

The Mayor of Pretoria and delegates of all the public bodies will proceed to Johannesburg to present an address of welcome to Lord Milner on his return to the Transvaal on Saturday.

His lordship arrived at Capetown yesterday. His reception was quite informal. He will remain there for a few days.

## LADY MARY TURNOR'S BEREAVEMENT.

Much sympathy is expressed throughout Lincolnshire for Lady Mary Turnor, whose husband, Mr. Edmund Turnor, died suddenly while out with a shooting party at Hatton.

Mr. Turnor was formerly member for South Lincolnshire.

## LADIES AT SHOP WINDOWS.

At this time of year the crowds gazing at the Christmas wares displayed in the shop windows afford pickpockets exceptional opportunities.

Seeing two women, named Pope and Pink, pushing in and out among the shoppers in Oxford-street and Regent-street on Monday, a policeman watched them, and finally arrested them on suspicion.

The Marlborough-street magistrate remanded them on bail yesterday.

## HUGE SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

Seven years ago the construction of the new Williamsburg Bridge, spanning the East River from Brooklyn to New York, was commenced. To-day the bridge will be formally opened.

Experts hold that it is the finest suspension bridge in the world, the main span in its total length of 7,200ft. being 1,600ft. long. The structure has cost £2,000,000.

## JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

## The Tsar's Reply Believed to be Unacceptable.

News from Tokio this morning says it is believed the Russian reply is not acceptable to Japan, and the leading newspapers are discussing the matter in an angry and impatient manner.

The Government is being urged on all sides to take more resolute action.

The statement that Japanese in London fit for military service have received notice to return to their country is not confirmed at the Japanese Embassy, and is there considered in the highest degree improbable. Reuter mentions that the Military Attaché at Rome will shortly leave, and this has given rise to a report that all Japanese military attachés have been ordered home. As far as London is concerned, however, this is not the case.

A Reuter's special from Tokio gives further details of the serious affray at Mokpo, Korea, which necessitated the landing of Japanese marines from a gunboat.

It originated from a strike of Korean coolies in Japanese employ. The local officials were not only unable to suppress the disturbance, but were even inclined to abet it.

The Korean Government profess indignation, but it is believed the complication is only of local importance.

It is stated that one of the Russian warships now at Chemulpo has been ordered to proceed to Mokpo.

From another source it appears seventeen Koreans were wounded in this affray.

A Reuter's telegram from Seoul, via New York, says Mr. Allen, the United States Minister, has demanded a definite answer from the Korean Government with regard to the opening of the port of Wiju.

## STRANGE HOSPITAL STORY.

Extraordinary statements are made with regard to the death of Mr. Adolphus Drucker, from 1895 to 1900 Conservative M.P. for Northampton.

Mr. Drucker died at the Bellevue Hospital, New York, and the "World" (quoted by Laffan) says his death was brought about by brutal treatment at the hands of the attendants.

A fellow-patient, named Murphy, says Mr. Drucker was allowed to die like a dog. When he tried to tell who he was, he was laughed at or beaten. One attendant took the studs out of his shirt, and another took off his watch and chain.

Morphine was injected three times, and an attendant seized a pillow and pressed it over Mr. Drucker's mouth until he was suffocated into silence.

The district attorney and coroner have started investigations into the charges, which are not confirmed from any other source.

## MIDNIGHT VISITORS TO A CHURCH.

A curious story of sacrilege was told at Chatham Police Court yesterday.

Three men were seen by a policeman to get over the wall of St. Paul's churchyard, and disappear. Help was summoned, and the churchyard was surrounded. The men were found in the stokehole, where there was a large fire.

A door of the church had been broken open, the stonework being cut away with a chisel. The communion table had been thrown aside and one of the offertory boxes taken away, its charred remains being found in the stokehole. The prisoners were remanded.

## TRAIN BLOCKED BY SNOW.

A violent snowstorm raged all yesterday at St. Etienne, and the Puy Valley is now covered with snow to a considerable depth.

Great damage has been done, and the railway and telegraphic service has been interrupted. One train was brought to a standstill by drifts.

## STABBED WITH A BAYONET.

A young factory hand, named William Densley, who lives in the East End, is a member of a Volunteer Corps, and it is alleged that he used his bayonet in an attempt to murder a young woman who was found stabbed in Fair-street, Stepney, on Monday night.

He has been remanded on this charge.

## SHORT TIME IN THE COTTON TRADE.

The condition of the Lancashire cotton trade has become so serious that a great meeting of spinners was held at Manchester yesterday.

It was decided to cable to American and Continental Associations: "Lancashire has suggested short time in the cotton trade; are you prepared to do the same?" A mass meeting will be called at an early date to deal with the replies.

## VENGEFUL CARDINAL.

Most fantastic conditions are attached to a legacy of £2,000 left by Cardinal Herrero, Archbishop of Valencia, a Madrid correspondent states.

The beneficiary is to be the first Spanish general who will land on the territory of the United States of America with an army sufficiently strong to avenge the defeats of Cuba and the Philippines.

## MUSSULMAN FUNERAL.

## Lord Stanley of Alderley Buried in a Plantation.

In a small plantation on his estate the remains of the late Lord Stanley of Alderley were interred at half-past eight yesterday morning with the rites of the Mussulman religion. Ridjag Effendi, Imam to the Turkish Embassy, officiated.

In addition to the members of the family, only the servants from Alderley were present.

Lord and Lady Stanley of Alderley and their sons, the Hon. Arthur and the Hon. Edward Stanley, the Hon. Maud Stanley, sister of the late Lord Stanley, Major William Fox-Pitt (his nephew), and Col. Metford, one of the executors, were among those who attended the funeral.

A Mussulman burial takes place as soon after death as possible, for devout Mussulmen believe that the spirit of the departed has no rest until the body is laid in the grave.

No coffin is used, and the body is laid with a few blankets around it.

On the tombstone a turban is carved, if the grave is that of a man, and a palm if it is that of a woman.

## FIRE-WALKERS.

## Fijians Who are Unhurt by Treading Red Hot Stones.

The curious Fijian custom of fire walking was described Mr. W. L. Allardyce in a paper at the meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute yesterday.

The fire-walkers descend from a native chief who was promised, in return for services rendered to a powerful being, that he and his heirs for ever, whether living in Fiji or Tonga, should have the gift of being able to walk over red-hot stones without being burnt—a power the people of a particular district certainly possess.

Mr. Allardyce was at first certain that the Fijians had some ingenious way of protecting their feet, and thought if he were very smart he could find out how little children and old men could walk over stones heated to more than 280 degrees Fahr. without showing any sign of passing through an ordeal.

Finally he was convinced that the intense faith and hardness of skin gave the fire-walker his power. The imperious skin was acquired by constant walking on a hot, sharp, coral beach, exposed always to the western sun and cooled by no trade winds.

It is a great insult, said Mr. Allardyce incidentally, to touch a Fijian's hair; in fact, to touch a chief's hair is a signal for war at once. The girls wear a love-lock until they are engaged; then it is the privilege of the future husband to cut it off. Until lately to be a chief's wife carried the disadvantage of being strangled when he died.

## SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.

The extraordinary accident at Hanley, where a man was swallowed up in the earth while walking down the street, has had a counterpart in Germany.

During the trial of a royal carriage destined to carry Prince Albrecht of Prussia on his visit to Schwedt, one of the horses suddenly sank in a hole in the road, only its head being visible.

It was discovered that a fountain used to stand on the spot, and had been boarded over. The wet had rotted the boards and caused them to give way.

## THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S HEALTH.

The Emperor William intends to go shooting to-morrow, and will attend regimental festivities at Hanover. How carefully the physicians and with regard to the Emperor's ailment (Reuter says) is shown by the fact that the growth extracted from the vocal cord was submitted to twenty-two doctors for examination, all of whom pronounced the polypus to be of an entirely benign character.

## STEEL TRUST REDUCES WAGES.

The great Steel Trust of America is feeling the pinch. On and after New Year's Day its wages account will be reduced by £3,000,000 (Laffan states). The reduction affects ninety per cent. of the 160,000 employes. Members of the Labour Union are not affected, as their wage agreement does not expire until July 1, 1904.

## IMPERIAL JEWELS FETCH HIGH PRICES.

A necklace in opals and old Brazilian brilliants, which was the property of her late Imperial Highness Januaria of Braganza, has been sold at the Hôtel Drouot, Paris, for £6,820.

Another beautiful necklace in sapphires and brilliants, which was sold in sections, realised a total of £1,293.

## THE POLITER SEX.

Women ushers are to be employed to-day at the Majestic Theatre at New York, telegraphs our correspondent.

They will officiate in all parts of the house except the top gallery, where men will be retained. The managers think women will be more polite than men.

Mr. Balfour left London yesterday for Knowsley on a visit to Lord Derby.